



Don't Gamble with Our Future...

... Casino San Pablo - A Traffic Nightmare

- Casino San Pablo is two blocks from the I-80 freeway which has been named by Caltrans as the “worst commute in the Bay Area.” It is the worst possible location for a casino.
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Casino San Pablo is located three blocks from the most congested freeway in the Bay Area. In December, Interstate 80 was identified as the worst commute in the Bay Area by Caltrans. Increasing the number of vehicles on I-80 could ultimately lead to a “complete operational failure.”

In a traffic study, conducted by Katz, Okitsu and Associates on behalf of a coalition of card rooms, the addition of 2,500 slot machines will result in an additional 34,000 daily trips to and from the site of the casino.

The study also found the following:

- The parked vehicles would consume 13.6 acres of space on one level or 3.4 acres of space on a four levels.
- Peak hour traffic congestion measures at some of the intersections between the ramps and San Pablo Dam Road show it is presently failing.

- Even more intersections in the area are projected to be failing in the future ***without*** introducing any more traffic associated with the proposed new traffic to the Casino.
- Even using all available roadways in the area, the congestion that will be introduced will limit the opportunity to do anything to increase the capacity without tearing out existing housing and commercial development.
- Congestion will be extreme on the portion of San Pablo Dam Road leading to I-80 and will potentially cause this area to completely fail operationally.
- The impact will not only occur in the worst commuting peak hours, but the impact will also be spread over the whole day and night as typically occurs with casino operations.
- Caltrans planned improvements at San Pablo Dam Road and I-80 do not take the Casino traffic into account.
- 75% or more of the projected trips to the Casino will use Interstate 80 and San Pablo Dam Road provides the only practical access to I-80.

Massive Transportation Mitigation Will Be Needed

Improvements that would be required to mitigate the expansion of the casino:

- Widen San Pablo Dam Road.
- Improve operations on San Pablo Avenue.
- Improve the interchange at I-80/San Pablo Dam Road.
- Widen I-80.

The estimated *time frame* needed to complete these improvements:

- Five to ten years to achieve widening of San Pablo Dam Road and San Pablo Avenue.
- 10-15 years to improve I-80 and the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road interchange.
- 10-20 years to widen I-80.